

# Inside the Cow Shed

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Inside the cow shed  
with blood in her pants  
and abdominal cramps  
she suffers every month  
for that privilege of five days  
since times unknown

Inside the cow shed  
with the bleeding womb  
and labour cramps  
she births a human baby  
and this is how she witnesses the dawn  
since times unknown.

Coz' it's a belief  
She is impure  
impure enough to spoil the purity of gods!

Inside the cow shed  
a lactating cow bleeds  
with cancer in her bladder  
and a foetus in her womb  
since times unknown

N' it's a belief  
Her urine is a cure  
potent enough to cure the cancer in humans!

Inside the cow shed  
there is lots of agony !

Inside the cow shed  
there is lots of blood

Sanju Paul is a pen name of Dr. Sanjeev Kumari Paul. She is a poet and an artist by passion and a veterinarian by profession. Her poetry had been a part of curriculum in Satya Wacana University, Salatiga (Indonesia), Assumption University, Bangkok (Thailand) and Himachal Board of School Education, India. She has also been honoured as first ever guest poet of San Jacinto chapter of Poetry society of Texas (USA). She belongs to a hilly state, Himachal Pradesh (India) and has been involved in various projects of literary as well as scientific temperaments ranging from very local up to global ones. She has developed an artistic technique of carved and washed paintings using discard PVC sheets as canvas. Pen sketching is another art form she is practicing presently.